JAMES ALEXANDER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 64.]

MARCH 3, 1840,

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The said Alexander, as soon as he discovered the mistake made by the said Mount, applied to the land office at Palestine, and the register of said office informed him that it was too late to correct the mistake, and that he could not do it. The land purchased by mistake is of "very little value."

The above facts are verified by the affidavit of the said Alexander, which, under all the circumstances, the committee believe to be true; and believe, further, that the said Alexander is entitled to relief.

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